

REMARKS


This is a response to the office action mailed April 27, 2004. The claims pending in this application, 1-4, 6-21, and 23, are allowed, and prosecution on the merits is closed.

The specification is objected to for various informalities, each of which is addressed by the foregoing amendments. In particular, the specification has been amended to include section headings and an abstract on a separate page, and to clarify lines 11-13 on page 10. In addition, a replacement drawing sheet (page 3/4) for Figure 4 has been provided. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An apparatus for the production of pocketed coil springs is disclosed. The apparatus includes a coiling section in which a coil is formed from wire fed to the coiling section, the coiling section including coiling elements, whose position and/or orientation determines the form of the coil, and an encapsulation section in which the coil is inserted between juxtaposed sheets of material and in which the sheets of material are joined together to form a pocket enclosing the coil. The apparatus further includes programmable control means operably linked to the coiling elements in such a way as to control the position and/or orientation of the coiling elements.